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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST PARTY ORGANIZES ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

- 1. JACQUES ATTALI, ECONOMIC ADVISER OF SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER FRANCOIS MITTERRAND AND RECENT PARTICIPANT OF THE BILDERBERG CONFERENCE IN IZMIR, TURKEY, CONFIRMED TO LABATT THAT PREPARATIONS ARE ALMOST COMPLETED BY PS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE ON 5-6 JUNE. MITTERRAND ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THIS, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE CALIBER AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATIONS OF MOST PARTICIPANTS AND PARTLY BECAUSE HIGHLY-PLACED ECONOMISTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE WILL BE ATTENDING.
- 2. AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND ARE: GALBRAITH, LEONDIEV, MARGLOV AND SWEEZIE (USA); TIMBERGEN (HOLLAND), ERERA (ARGENTINE); VINDE (SWEDEN); BOGOMOLOV (USSR); KEMENEC (HUNGARY); MINC (POLAND); GHOSALI (ALGERIA); AND "CHIP" LEVINSON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. IN RESPONSE TO EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE ABOUT LEVINSON'S ATTENDANCE, ATTALI CONFIDED THAT THE INVITATION TO HIM WAS SENT AGAINST HIS (ATTALI'S) ADVICE AND AT THE INSISTENCE OF MITTERRAND HIMSELF. ATTALI, WHO CONSIDERS LEVINSON A "CHARLATAN AND FRAUD", INTENDS TO MAKE ONE MORE EFFORT TO CONVINCE MITTERRAND TO DROP LEVINSON.
- 4. BOGOMOLOV AND KEMENEC HAVE AGREED TO PREPARE PAPERS DEALING WITH THE IMPACT ON THE EE ECONOMIES OF THE CURRENT INFLATION AND RECESSION IN THE WEST. ACCORDINGLY, THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WHICH PS INTENDS TO DEVELOP AROUND THE CONFERENCE WOULD FOCUS ON THE THEME THAT THIS WOULD BE FIRST TIME THAT WE AND EE ECONOMISTS WILL CONFRONT THEIR VIEWS ON WESTERN ECONOMIC RECESSION.
- 5. ATTALI, WHO CAME AWAY FROM IZMIR CONFERENCE DISCOURAGED BY THE GLOOMY PREDICTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY IN THE USA AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL, HOPES THAT THE PS CONFERENCE WILL DEVELOP SOME NEW IDEAS FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAS GONE WRONG IN THE WEST AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO CORRECT IT.

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